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1.

25X1 [redacted] the Russians will not yield from their point of view that the German peace treaty must be signed by a German government. The minimum number of ministries planned by the Russians is three: Economic, Transportation (including Communications), and Trade and Civilian Supplies (including Food and Foreign Trade).

2.

25X1 [redacted] the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Central Administrations are preparing plans for the evolution of the Central Administrations into an administration for all of Germany.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment: [redacted] SMA Industry Division Chief, Koval, stated to the Presidents and Vice-Presidents that their Central Administrations would be considered in the future government of Germany.

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25X1 The Central Administration of Transportation is working especially intensively on this question. The SED Central Secretariat expects that the Russian Zone will be allowed to name one third of the members of each ministry of the new German administration. The SED intends to allow no CDU or LDP members to be nominated by the Russian Zone; but only reliable SED men.

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3. [redacted] in connection with a preliminary roster of Germans favored for positions in a German government, SMA political officers in the first week of February showed increasing interest in the following persons:

Karl J. Germer: Berlin; SPD opposition group.
 25X1 Kossmann: Leading figure in the Christliche Volkspartei in the Saar; one time member of the Saar Government Commission of the League of Nations.
 25X1 Prof. Kastner: Minister of Justice, Saxony, LDP.
 25X1 Johannes Schroeder: [redacted] Konsistorialrat; Russian PW, released December 1945; member of Freies Deutschland [redacted]

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In addition to these, the Russians definitely wish to have Otto Grotewohl and former Ambassador Nadolny in a future German central government.

4.
25X1 General Georgiev is of the opinion
25X1 that the French will relax their opposition to a German central
government.

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5.
25X1 Dr. Josef Schoelmerich has given up his
25X1 job as head of the Personnel Section of the Central Administra-
tion of Health to take over a special department which is to
draw up plans for a Ministry of Health.

25X1 Dr. Konitzer, President of the Central Administra-
tion of Health, expects to be appointed Minister of Health. Konitzer
would take three SED colleagues along, Dr. Schoelmerich, Dr.
Coutelle, and Frau Dr. Kolmar.

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